

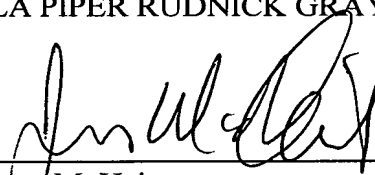
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the subject matter of Claims 43 and 46, respectively, which were previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 44 and 47 have been amended to depend from Claims 1 and 7, respectively. Claims 43 and 46 have been canceled. As a result, all currently pending claims (1-12, 44 and 47) include subject matter indicated in the previous Office Action as allowable.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, James M. Heintz at (202) 861-4167.

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